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SUBJECT: KUWAITI FINANCE MINISTER ON US ISRAELI BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

1. KUWAIT PAPERS SEPT 28 REPORT KUWAITI FINANCE MINISTER AL ATEEQI SUPPORTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY STATEMENTS IN US BY SAUDI FON MIN, REGARDING US LEGISLATION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. AL ATEEQI REPORTEDLY SAID THAT KUWAIT "FULLY SUPPORTS SAUDI ARABIAN REJECTION OF ANY US LEGISLATION PRODUCED BY US CONGRESS TO COUNTER ARAB BOYCOTT," AND THAT KUWAIT WILL BE "ADAMANT" AGAINST ANY ACTION SEEKING TO FRUSTRATE BOYCOTT. AL ATEEQI ADDED THAT GOK WILL BE "RIGID" IN ADHERING TO "GENERAL ARAB ATTITUDES" ON BOYCOTT AND WILL REMAIN BOUND BY DECISIONS OF ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OFFICE, NOTING THAT PROBLEMS
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COMES.

2. COMMENT: AT ATTEQI'S CAREFUL STATEMENT APPEARS TO GO NO FURTHER THAN THOSE OF SAUDI FON MIN'S ON THIS SUBJECT (WHICH LOCAL PRESS INDICATES WERE MADE IN HOUSTON AND WASHINGTON ON SEPT 25 AND 26, RESPECTIVELY). WE NOTE THAT AL ATTEEQI SEEMS TO VISUALIZE CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH BY ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE RATHER THAN THREAT OF OIL EMBARGO OR OTHER SPECTACULAR ARAB REACTION TO NEW US ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION.
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